



County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Social Services

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Director

January 8, 2003

TO: Each Supervisor

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FROM: Bryce Yokomizo, Director

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS/ENTITIES TO FUND THE AFTER-SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

This is a follow-up to my October 28, 2002 memo, in which I indicated a report would be made on our efforts to encourage private foundations/entities to partner with the County to fund the After-School Enrichment Program beyond June 30, 2003.

I advised you in my previous memo that the solicitation letter with your respective signatures had been mailed to 140 potential donors on September 25, 2002. My staff has made follow-up telephone calls to each recipient to confirm receipt of the letter and urge contributions to the After-School Enrichment Program. The majority of the recipients stated that they are unable to provide funding for the program for various reasons. Among the most common reasons given were: limited resources; funded similar programs; and currently not accepting applications (this was cited by many).

We received grant applications from three foundations, Kenneth T. and Eileen L. Norris, American Honda and Henry L. Guenther. We forwarded them to our contractors for the After-School Enrichment Program, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) and Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). They will determine if the program qualifies for the grants and if so, will complete and submit the applications. Four foundations reported that our request is still under review.

The Department of Public Social Services staff continue to work in collaboration with LAUSD and LACOE in identifying potential donors who may be interested in becoming partners or sponsors of the program. Letters will be sent and followed-up accordingly.

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A status on the solicitation effort for this program will be included in our report to your Board following the conclusion of the Stakeholders Process for the January 2003 Performance Incentive Prioritization Review.

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